

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted in person on April 1, 2010 and attended by Supervisor Zalukaeva, Examiner Catherine L. Anderson, and Applicant's representative, Gregg Koch.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 6 and 14 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,482,491 ("Samuelsen") was discussed.

Proposed Amendments

It was discussed that Claim 6 could be amended to state that each protrusion comprises at least one surface that is configured to be exposed to the space between the cover and the site of the body part being treated beneath the cover; that Claim 14 could be amended to state that the pressure monitor comprises at least one surface that is configured to be exposed to the reduced pressure in the space between the cover and the wound; and that Claim 78 could be amended to state that each of the plurality of protrusions has an inside surface that is configured to be in direct communication with the reduced pressure beneath the cover.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representatives submit that Claims 6, 14, and 78 are patentable over Samuelsen without the proposed amendments listed above. However, Applicant's representatives submit that the proposed amendments contain additional patentable limitations over Samuelsen.

Results of Interview

No agreement reached.